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1. FONOFF TELLS US THAT ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED REF A ARE COMPLETELY WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND AROSE BECAUSE OFFICER OF KOREAN EMBASSY TOKYO TOOK SERIOUSLY JEST OF FONOFF OFFICIAL ENDO. EPISODE DEVELOPED AS FOLLOWS.

2. AT PARTY EVENING MAY 2 WHICH KOREAN EMBASSY OFFICERS HOSTED FOR FONOFF NORTHEAST ASIA DIV HEAD NAKAHIRA AND HIS DEPUTY ENDO, LATTER JOKINGLY REPLIED TO INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD BE IN TOKYO NEXT WEEK BY STATING THAT HE PLANNED TO BE IN PYONGYANG VISITING HIS UNCLE, KIM IL SUNG. FONOFF OFFICIALS HAD NO INKLING THIS JEST HAD BEEN TAKEN SERIOUSLY UNTIL KOREAN AMBASSADOR SOUGHT APPOINTMENT WITH VICE MINISTER HOGEN. WHEN ENDO INQUIRED OF KOREAN EMBASSY OFFICER WHAT SUBJECT
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OF CALL WOULD BE, RESPONSE WAS THAT IT WAS QTE ENDO' S TRIP TO PYONGYANG UNQTE. APPOINTMENT WAS QUICKLY CANCELLED WHEN MISUNDERSTANDING WAS MADE CLEAR.

3. ENDO EXPRESSED ASTONISHMENT TO EMBOFF THAT KOREANS SHOULD HAVE TAKEN HIS JEST SERIOUSLY. HE ADDED THAT FONOFF OF COURSE HAS NO INTENTION OF SENDING GOJ OFFICIAL TO PYONGYANG. HE ADDED THAT GOJ HAS RECENTLY GRANTED VISAS FOR EIGHT NORTH KOREAN JOURNAES. KLEIN

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